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What's more, these figures do no even account for \$126,000,000 that was authorized last night to give reparations to the people of Guam for losses they experienced during the Japanese occupation of WWII.

Spending is absolutely out of control here. The Democrats have decided to spend money on just about everything.

However, when some important issues come up like national security and illegal immigration law enforcement, they all of a sudden become frugal. Today, the House is debating the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act. Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK) offered an amendment to the bill that was blocked by the Democrat's from coming to the floor for a vote. It would have allowed state and local authorities to be reimbursed for expenses related to immigration enforcement training. These expenses sometimes can run as high as \$10,000 per week. The 9/11 Commission even championed greater involvement by local law enforcement officials, stating in their report that "there is a growing need for state and local law enforcement agencies. They need more training and work with federal agencies so that they can cooperate more effectively with those federal authorities..." Further, existing programs like 287(g) that train and enhance cooperation have been successes.

Nonetheless, the Democrats apparently think Phayre's Leaf Monkeys and reparations to Guam are more important, and blocked this amendment from getting to the floor.